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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John M. Davidson, et al.
Serial No.: 09/727,313
Filed: November 29, 2000
Group No.: 2141
Examiner: Stephan F. Willett
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Confirmation No.: 2331
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING
TUNNELED COMMUNICATIONS IN AN ENTERPRISE
NETWORK**

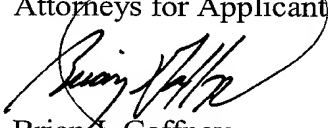
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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